

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAREN L. THURMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 15, 1995

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, on March 14, I was attending the funeral of my mother-in-law and was not present for roll call Nos. 230, 231, 232, 233, and 234. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each vote.

IN MEMORIAM: CADET MARK C. DOSTAL

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, it brings me great sadness to pay final tribute to Cadet 2nd Class Mark C. Dostal who was killed on Wednesday, February 22, 1995, near Ramah, CO while on a flight training mission. The young Cadet, who I was honored to nominate in 1992 for the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, was in his junior year and had recently begun the flight screening program.

Mr. Dostal graduated from Miramonte High School in Orinda, CA in 1992, and in June of that year started pursuing his love of flying when he began at the Academy. His mother, Mrs. Shirley Dostal, confirms that from an early age his dream was to fly.

At the Academy, Cadet Dostal majored in behavioral sciences and was honored twice on the Superintendent's, Dean's and athletics lists. He was expected to graduate in May 1996.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of his memory, I invite my colleagues to join me as I offer condolences to his loving parents, Shirley and Don Dostal, his sister, Kristin Dostal, and to his countless friends and relatives. Though he will be greatly missed, his memory will live on as a source of great inspiration for generations to come.

A "ROAST" IN HONOR OF ROY EPPS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, March 17, 1995, Mr. C. Roy Epps of New Brunswick, NJ, will be honored for his 25 years of community service. The occasion will be a "roast" in honor of Mr. Epps at the Hyatt Regency. The idea of having a celebrity roast is obviously intended to avoid too much sentimentality about the honoree. But behind the jokes and the kidding, there is a deep reservoir of affection, appreciation, and gratitude

for Mr. Epps for all the exceptional work he has done for the people of New Brunswick, the State of New Jersey, and the United States.

Mr. Speaker, first, a few basic facts about the life and career of Roy Epps. He was born in 1941 and attended public schools in New York City. He received a B.A. from Wilberforce University in Ohio in 1963, majoring in biology. After pursuing a career in research with Johnson & Johnson, the U.S. Army, and Colgate-Palmolive, Mr. Epps concluded that his real interest was social planning and the fulfillment of social needs. He acquired an M.S. degree in urban and regional planning in 1970 from Rutgers University, and later completed a fellowship in urban and regional planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In the spring of 1994, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Upsala College in East Orange, NJ.

Mr. Epps began to truly make his mark in community issues in 1967 as assistant executive director of the Urban League of Greater New Brunswick, becoming the league's executive director in 1970. He would go on to serve as president of the New Jersey Council of Urban Leagues, the league's Eastern Regional Council of Executive Directors, and the National Urban League's Executive Directors' Council. IN 1983, his organization disaffiliated from the National Urban League and became the Civil League of Greater New Brunswick, with Mr. Epps as its president. Mr. Epps also serves as vice chairman of the Board of New Brunswick Tomorrow, the planning corporation for revitalization of the city, a member of the board of the New Brunswick Development Corporation, and was formerly a member and past president of the New Brunswick Board of Education. Among the many other boards and committees on which he serves are the Greater Raritan Private Industry Council, United Jersey Bank's Community Reinvestment Advisory Board, and the Eric B. Chandler Community Health Center.

Among its many services to the disadvantaged in the community, with a focus on the needs of black youth, the Civil League has directed much of its effort into the promotion of low-income housing. Mr. Epps helped to establish and became president of the league's nonprofit housing affiliate, the Community Investment Corporation—COINCO—in 1974. This organization had built, rehabilitated, and managed over 40 housing units in the neighborhood of the Civic League's facility.

Among the many projects that have benefited from Mr. Epps' leadership is the Civil League's Project 2000 Program, which has been operating for the past 4 years as a partnership between male volunteers from the corporate sector and the New Brunswick school system. Sixty-three men from diverse backgrounds serve as teacher-assistants a half-day per week in the primary grades at three elementary schools. The program, which reaches some 700 youngsters, represents an attempt to prevent the development of negative attitudes toward the school environment and academic achievement among inner-city boys, as

well as girls, early in their school experience through interaction with positive adult role models. The New Brunswick Project 2000 is currently the only corporate model in the United States, but is being assessed for use in other small urban school districts.

Another excellent initiative under Mr. Epps' leadership is the Middle School Development Program, also a partnership between the corporate community and the public education system in New Brunswick. Selected volunteers—men and women—from area companies are placed in local schools to mentor in the fifth and sixth grade classrooms in a variety of areas which not always sufficiently addressed during the school day, but which are extremely important to the personal, intellectual, and professional growth of the students.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to pay tribute to Roy Epps, a community leader who has made a real difference. His many friends and colleagues will have fun roasting Roy Epps on Friday evening, and I'm sure Roy will enjoy it as well. But we all recognize in a very serious and profound way the lasting contribution Mr. Epps has made and continues to make to the growth and development of the great human potential in our community.

HONORING LITTLE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 15, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to honor the Little Union Baptist Church in Dumfries, VA, and its members. The Little Union Baptist Church is located in the 11th Congressional District in Prince William County, VA. In order to relate the development of the Little Union Baptist Church, one must delve into the history of the surrounding community and the life of its outstanding citizens. Batestown Road derived its name from a remarkable African-American woman to whom many generations of in Prince William County trace their roots, Mary Bates.

Shortly before the Emancipation Proclamation, Mary Bates, who was born a slave in Northern Virginia, was permitted to marry a young slave from an adjoining plantation, John (Jack) Thomas. The Thomases became stalwart members of the community and operated a local general store. Mary was a letter writer for many illiterates of both races. She administered strange medications that proved remarkably effective; and as midwife, she delivered a major percentage of the babies born during this era, especially those whose parents could not afford the services of a doctor.

It was the vision of Mary and John Thomas that gave birth to the establishment of the Little Union Baptist Church. During the last quarter of the 19th century, two churches were

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